[English]

Requirement and Supply of Chemicals and Fertilizers

3181. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of chemicals and fertilizers requirement annually particularly for rainy season and the quantum of fertilizers supplied/allocated during the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of arrangement made to ensure timely supply of the chemicals and fertilizers to the States;

(c) whether the Government have received the complaints from the States regarding acute shortage of fertilizers;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the details of total quantum of chemicals and fertilizers compared to the off-take in the previous season;

(f) the projection of demand/consumption, State-wise for chemicals and fertilizer during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The table below gives the demand of pesticides and consumption of fertilizer nutrients during the last three years:

(lakh tonnes)

Year	Fertilizer consumption (N+P+K)	Demand of Pesticides (Technical Grade)
1994-95	135.64	0.81
1995-96	138.77	0.74
1996-97	149.31 (Estimated)	0.67

Urea is the only fertilizer for which assessment of demand is made for each cropping season. The quantity of urea allocated to different States for Kharif 1997 season and supplied up to 30.6.1997 is at Statement-I enclosed.

(b) A supply plan indicating State-wise supplies to be made by manufacturers of urea is finalised before each crop season. During the season, the supply of urea to different States is monitored periodically and remedial measures are taken as necessary. The availability of decontrolled fertilizers depends on market forces of demand and supply. The State Governments have been advised to monitor the availability of decontrolled fertilizers and pesticides.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no shortage in supply of fertilizers and pesticides so far during 1997-98. The table below gives the imports of urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) up to 31.7.1997 during 1997-98.

(Lakh tonnes)

Urea	13.62
DAP	7.97
MOP	6.80

(f) Demand for pesticides in assessed before each year. A Statement indicating the State-wise demand projection on fertilizer nutrients during the terminal year (2001-02) of the Ninth Five Year Plan and demand for pesticides for 1997-98 is at Statement-II attached.

(g) The requirements of chemicals and fertilizers are met through indigenous production and imports.

Statement I

State-wise allocation and supply of urea

('000 tonnes)

Sl. No.	State	Kharif 1997	
		Allocation	Supply Upto 30.6.1997
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,079.67	578.42
2.	Karnataka	592.60	296.60
3.	Kerala	73.92	45.01
4.	Tamil Nadu	362.34	240.07

1	2	3	4
5.	Gujarat	599.50	257.88
6.	Madhya Pradesh	674.50	331.56
7.	Maharashtra	1,170.02	565.33
8.	Rajasthan	506.00	278.76
9.	Gao	4.84	0.88
10.	Haryana	564.30	320.54
11.	Punjab	999.66	664.91
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2,300.43	1,299.66
13.	Himachal Pradesh	20.47	13.54
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	68.48	37.58
15.	Bihar	796.91	446.01
16.	Orissa	346.13	162.22
17.	West Bengal	460.10	272.99
18.	Assam	43.53	25.94
19.	Tripura	11.09	6.04
20.	Manipur	25.12	6.94
21.	Meghalaya	2.90	0.44
22.	Nagaland	0.55	0.78
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.30	0.31
24.	Mizoram	0.60	0.32
25.	Sikkim	0.97	0.30
26.	Others	48.52	28.44
	All India	10,753.45	5,881.47

Statement II

State-wise Demand Projections

Sl. No.	State	Fertilizer nutrients for 2001-02 (Lakh tonnes N+P+K)	Pesticides for 1997-98 (Tonnes of Technical grade)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23.47	9,000
2.	Karnataka	12.20	3,000
3.	Kerala	2.97	940
4.	Tamil Nadu	12.05	2,929
5.	Gujarat	11.57	5,291
6.	Madhya Pradesh	12.98	1,517
7.	Maharashtra	19.87	5,625
8.	Rajasthan	11.77	3,325
9.	Gao	0.10	5
10.	Haryana	10.24	5,045
11.	Punjab	17.66	7,300
12.	Uttar Pradesh	35.00	7,800
13.	Himachal Pradesh	0.41	200
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.78	140
15.	Bihar	9.89	1,325
16.	Orissa	3.97	994
17.	West Bengal	12.30	5,025
18.	Assam	0.61	290

1	2	3	4
19.	Tripura	0.11	35
20.	Manipur	0.18	40
21.	Meghalaya	0.05	20
22.	Nagaland	0.01	12
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.01	19
24.	Mizoram	0.02	21
25.	Others	0.78	245
	All India	199.00	60,143

Irregularities in NDDB

3182. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR SINHA :
SHRI LALMUNI CHAUBEY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Agni Pariksha Se Bachta Phir Raha Hai NDDB" appearing in the 'Jansatta', dated June 26, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) On the request of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) the Government of India had conveyed the approval of the President to undertake audit of accounts of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for the financial years 1988-89 to 1995-96 under Section 14(2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Services) Act, 1971. The NDDB subsequently pointed out that its case was covered under Section 15(2) of the said act and, as such, was not liable to audit by CAG. Pending a reference to the Ministry of Law on the subject, the CAG has been requested not to proceed with the audit.

The 30th Annual Report of the NDDB for the year 1995-96 alongwith Review Report was sent to the Secretaries of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 10th April, 1997, for laying on Table of both the Houses. Later the Government felt that the Review Report does not cover all the points. Accordingly, the previous report which was not placed before the House was withdrawn and a fresh review report sent to Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha Sectt. on 15.5.97.

Government's views on Operation Flood are included in the Review Report.

Wheat, Rice and Sugarcane Area under Cultivation

3183. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under the cultivation of wheat, rice and sugarcane, at present separately State-wise;

(b) the extent to which more area is likely to be covered under the cultivation of these crops as compared to that of the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the area under cultivation of these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The statement giving State-wise area under cultivation of wheat, rice and sugarcane for 1996-97 as compared to last two years i.e. 1995-96 and 1994-95 is annexed.

(c) There are no specific measures taken by the Government to increase the area under cultivation of any specific crop. However, in order to increase the productivity and production of these crops, the Government is implementing crop specific development schemes such as Integrated Cereals Development programme in rice and wheat based Cropping System Areas and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based Cropping System.